GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CULTIVATION ALONG THE BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether farmers are facing problems in cultivation along the border;

(b) if so, whether any inconvenience in cultivation has been reported by farmers on Bikaner border;

(c) whether secessionist guerrillas have converted Manipur Valley into death field by laying landmines in fields and barns; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS) (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a): Farmers are permitted to cultivate their fields ahead of the fencing. However, due to security considerations, some restrictions have been imposed like not to cultivate crops having a height more than four feet, etc. Cultivation has also been restricted to hours of daylight.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): It has been reported that underground outfits have laid landmines/booby traps in and around villages in Thanlon and Tipaimukh sub-Divisions of Churachandpur District.

(d): The army has taken steps to demine these areas. The State Government has been advised to launch awareness campaign in coordination with local media to educate the populace with regard the dangers of Improvised Explosive Devices.